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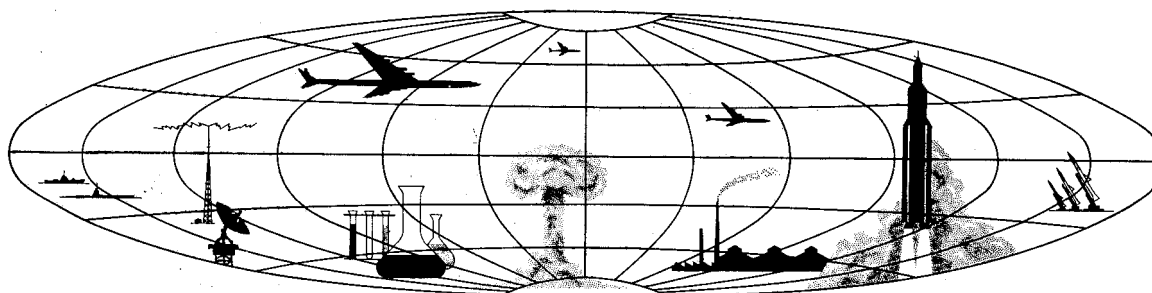


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3551, DATED 12 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2205N 08409W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, AND 3 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE HOLD POSITIONS.

25X1D

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

SIX REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS AND CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.  
HAZE AND SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE 2202N 08024W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, AND 5 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS.

25X1D

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 11 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE 2147N 07929W

SIX LAUNCHERS, OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, AND AT LEAST 5 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W

SIX LAUNCHERS, OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, AND 3 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANATI SAM SITE 2113N 07702W

SIX LAUNCHERS, 5 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, AND 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS PARKED ON NE SIDE OF SITE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS (5 WITH MISSILES IN PLACE), 5 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND GUIDANCE AREA CONTAINING RADAR AND 7 VANS.

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PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

TWENTY-SIX MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND 6 OTHER  
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES IN AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N 07844W

AREA CONTAINS 28 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (23 WITH  
PRIME-MOVERS), 6 PROBABLE LOWBOY TRAILERS, AND  
APPROXIMATELY 35 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OR PIECES OF  
EQUIPMENT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2104N 07700W

AT LEAST 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND NUMEROUS MISSILE  
CANISTERS.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2122N 07750W

SIX LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

SIX LAUNCHERS AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2156N 08019W

SITE APPEARS TO BE ABANDONED. NO MISSILE ACTIVITY  
OBSERVED.

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-AIRFIELDS-

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CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- AT LEAST 12 SMALL AIRCRAFT.  
OBLIQUITY AND HAZE PRECLUDE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE LIAISON-TYPE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 FAGOT/FRESCO.  
OBLIQUITY AND HAZE PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD 2209N 08025W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN  
FACILITIES.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD 2023N 07638W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 LIAISON-TYPE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 POSSIBLE COLT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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-PORTS-

25X1A

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 3 PT AND ONE PF.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 3 FREIGHTERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE TANKER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS AND ONE PROBABLE TANKER  
ANCHORED OFFSHORE.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE SHIPS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2017N 07706W

APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES IN CAMP. OBLIQUITY  
PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 55 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1 2121N 07751W

SIXTEEN BARRACKS, 3 OTHER BUILDINGS, 33 LARGE, 22 MEDIUM, AND 46 SMALL SOVIET-TYPE TENTS, AND APPROXIMATELY 85 VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2126N 07753W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWELVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, MILITARY CAMP 2054N 07655W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 75 VEHICLES PARKED ON HARDSTANDS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE 2228N 08347W

FENCED AREA, CONTAINING A REVETTED STORAGE BUNKER WITH 2 VENTILATORS, PROBABLY FOR EXPLOSIVES STORAGE. A SECOND ADJACENT FENCED AREA CONTAINS ONE BUILDING, PROBABLY EARTH-COVERED, WITH 2 VENTILATORS. BUILDING PROBABLY ALSO FOR EXPLOSIVES STORAGE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

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LAS MERCEDES, MILITARY CAMP 2006N 07700W

A 5-NM RADIUS SEARCH AROUND CITED COORDINATES REVEALED THE FOLLOWING -- APPROX 100 SMALL BUILDINGS, POSSIBLY FOR CIVILIAN USAGE, UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ESTRADA PALMA HOUSING AREA (20-07N 076-59W). SHORT LANDING STRIP AT ESTRADA PALMA (NO AIRCRAFT). SMALL CIVILIAN HOUSING AREA AT 20-04N 077-00W. NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED WITHIN SEARCH AREA.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

SIX REVETTED BUILDINGS. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. SEVEN TRUCKS  
VISIBLE.

OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANICARAGUA AREA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE 2206N 07958W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OR  
ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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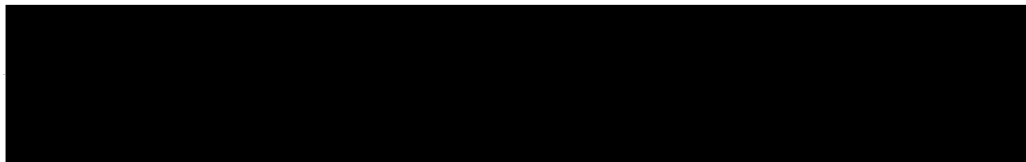
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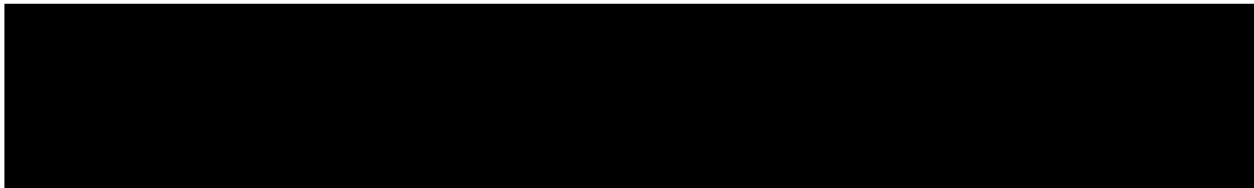
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

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REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
TRINIDAD AIRFIELD	2147N 07959W
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH	2202N 08036W
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH	2202N 08025W

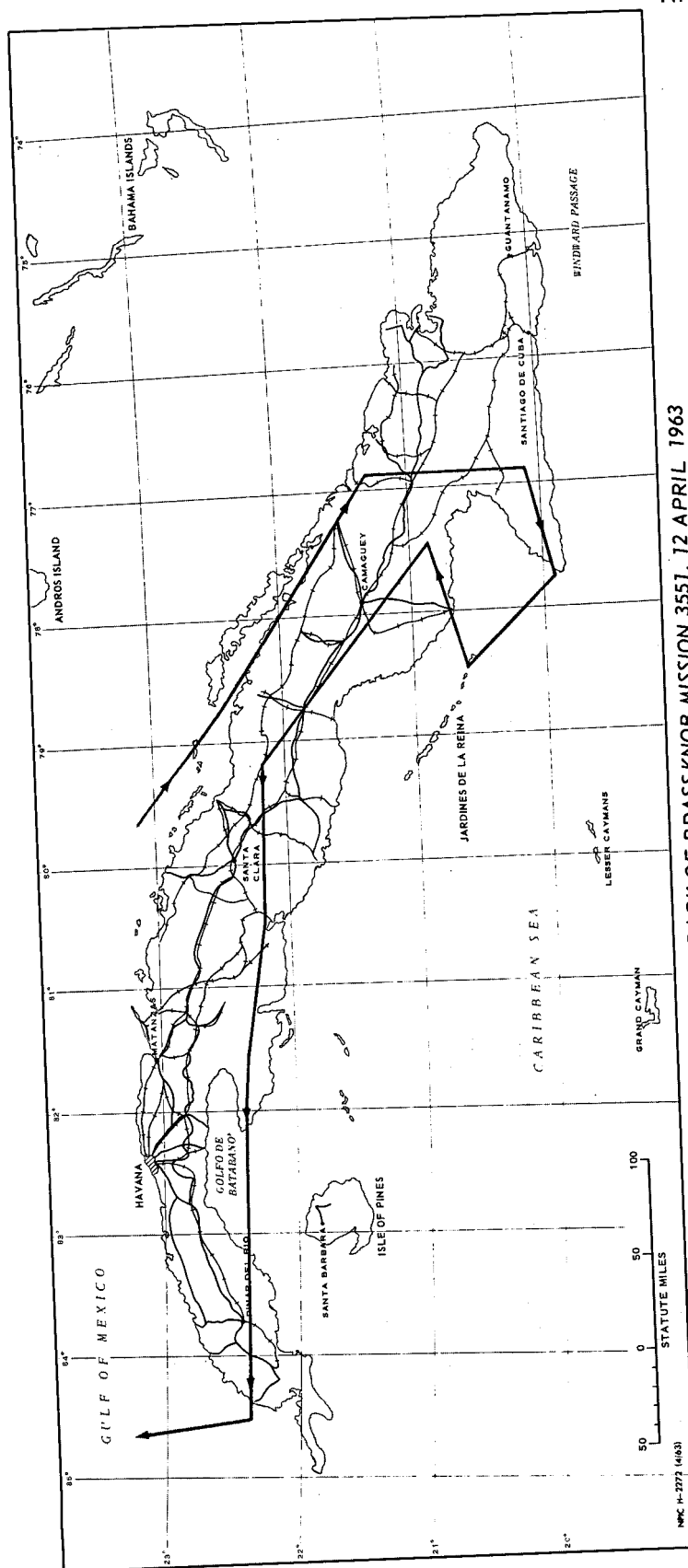
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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE	2251N 08005W
JIGUANI SAM SITE	2021N 07620W
CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE	2142N 07850W
MAJANA SAM SITE	2241N 08249W
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD	2206N 08409W
COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD	2150N 08247W
NUEVA GERONA PORT	2153N 08248W
LA ISABELA PORT	2256N 08001W
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP	2251N 08248W
HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2053N 07614W
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2227N 07934W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08220W
TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX	2259N 08228W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
GUANE, MILITARY CAMP	2212N 08408W
PLAYA COLOMBO LANDING BEACH	2154N 08246W
PLAYA DE FLAMENCOS LANDING BEACH	2153N 08243W

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